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## CHAPTER 44.

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section four of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:— Whenever the day of the week designated for a primary or election falls upon a holiday, said primary or election shall be held on the day succeeding said holiday.

1907, 560,  
§ 4, amended.

Primaries  
and elections.

*Approved February 1, 1910.*

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## CHAPTER 55.

### AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE PUBLICATION OF UNSIGNED POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS, CIRCULARS OR POSTERS IN CERTAIN CASES.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter five hundred and eighty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by inserting after the word "office", in the fifth line, the words:— or a constitutional amendment or any other question submitted to the voters, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 1.* No person shall publish or cause to be published in a newspaper or other periodical, either in its advertising or reading columns, any paid matter which is designed or tends to aid, injure, or defeat any candidate for public office, or a constitutional amendment or any other question submitted to the voters, unless the name of the chairman or secretary or the names of two officers of the political or other organization inserting the same, or the name of some voter who is responsible therefor, with his residence and the street and number

1907, 581,  
§ 1, amended.

Publication  
of unsigned  
political ad-  
vertisements  
prohibited.

thereof, if any, appear therein in the nature of a signature. Such matter inserted in reading columns shall be preceded or followed by the word "Advertisement" in a separate line, in type not smaller than that of the body type of the newspaper or other periodical.

1907, 581,  
§ 2, amended.

Payment to  
publisher,  
etc., of  
newspaper,  
etc., for  
advocating  
or opposing  
candidates  
or questions  
prohibited.

SECTION 2. Section two of said chapter five hundred and eighty-one is hereby amended by inserting after the word "principle", in the fourth line, the words: — or a constitutional amendment or any other question submitted to the voters, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 2.* No person shall pay the owner, editor, publisher, or agent of a newspaper or other periodical to induce him editorially to advocate or oppose any candidate for public office or political principle, or a constitutional amendment or any other question submitted to the voters; and no such owner, editor, publisher, or agent shall accept such payment. This provision shall not apply to the outright purchase of such newspaper or periodical.

1907, 560,  
§ 480,  
amended.

Penalty for  
writing,  
printing,  
posting,  
distributing,  
etc., anony-  
mous circu-  
lars, etc.

SECTION 3. Section four hundred and thirty of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by inserting after the word "action", in the sixth line, the words: — or which is designed or tends to aid, injure, or defeat a constitutional amendment or any other question submitted to the voters, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 430.* Whoever intentionally writes, prints, posts or distributes, or causes to be written, printed, posted or distributed, a circular or poster which is designed or tends to injure or defeat any candidate for nomination or election to any public office, by criticising his personal character or political action, or which is designed or tends to aid, injure, or defeat a constitutional amendment or any other question submitted to the voters, unless there appears upon such circular or poster in a conspicuous place either the names of the chairman and secretary, or of two officers of the political or other organization issuing the same, or of some voter who is responsible therefor, with his name and residence, and the street and number thereof, if any, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six months.

*Approved February 9, 1910.*

CHAPTER 110.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FILING OF CERTIFICATES OF  
NOMINATION AND NOMINATION PAPERS FOR ELECTIONS  
IN TOWNS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. All certificates of nomination for town offices filed on or before the second Saturday, and nomination papers filed on or before the Monday, preceding the election shall, for the year nineteen hundred and ten, be valid.

Filing of  
nominations  
for elections  
in towns.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved February 23, 1910.*

CHAPTER 136.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND THE  
MUNICIPAL YEAR IN THE CITY OF HOLYOKE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section five of chapter four hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six is hereby amended by striking out the word "second", in the second line, and inserting in place thereof the word:—first,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 5.* The municipal election shall take place annually on the first Tuesday of December, and the municipal year shall begin at ten o'clock in the morning on the first Monday of January next following, and continue until ten o'clock in the morning on the first Monday of January next following.

1896, 438,  
§ 5, amended.

Municipal  
election and  
municipal  
year in city  
of Holyoke.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the board of aldermen of the city of Holyoke.

When to  
take effect.

*Approved February 28, 1910.*

CHAPTER 147.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POSTING OF VOTING LISTS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section sixty-two of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by striking out the word "thirty", in the third

1907, 560,  
§ 62,  
amended.



Posting of  
voting lists.

line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — sixty, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 62.* They shall, at least twenty days before the annual city or town election, and in every place except Boston, at least sixty days before the annual state election, and in Boston, except in the years designated for preparing new general registers, twenty-four days at least before the annual state election, cause copies of the voting lists prepared in accordance with the two preceding sections to be posted in their principal office and in one or more other public places in the city or town, and in each precinct therein.

*Approved March 2, 1910.*

#### CHAPTER 158.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE LICENSE COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF MONTAGUE SHALL BE ELECTED BY BALLOT.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1908, 160,  
§ 1, amended.

License  
commission  
of the town  
of Montague,  
election,  
terms, etc.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and eight is hereby amended by inserting after the word "elect", in the first line, the words: — by ballot, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The town of Montague shall elect, by ballot, at its annual March meeting a license commission consisting of three members, to serve for the following terms: one member for one year, one member for two years and one member for three years. They shall hold office until their respective successors are elected and qualified, and thereafter at every annual March meeting one member of said board shall be elected for the term of three years. Any vacancy in said board occurring during the year shall be filled by the selectmen, and the person or persons so appointed to fill such vacancy shall serve until the next annual town meeting.

Certain  
action of  
town con-  
firmed.

SECTION 2. The action of said town taken by vote in town meetings held April eighth, nineteen hundred and eight, and March first, nineteen hundred and nine, in accepting the provisions of said chapter one hundred and sixty is hereby ratified and confirmed as a valid acceptance of said act.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 4, 1910.*

CHAPTER 176.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DESIGNATIONS ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF TAUNTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section six of chapter four hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words: — The name of each candidate nominated at said preliminary election or caucus shall be printed on the ballot for the municipal election following, with this designation only, "Caucus Nominee."

1909, 448.  
§ 6, amended.

Designation  
on ballot at  
municipal  
elections in  
Taunton.

*Approved March 5, 1910.*

CHAPTER 182.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN NOMINATION PAPERS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section one hundred and twenty-six of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words: — If at any time subsequent to the expiration of the time for filling vacancies it shall appear that a vacancy has been created by death, the chairman of the city or town committee may file with the city or town clerk or, in Boston, with the election commissioners, a new name to fill such vacancy; and if the time is sufficient therefor, the new name shall be printed upon the official ballot.

1907, 560,  
§ 126,  
amended.

Filling of  
vacancies in  
nomination  
papers.

*Approved March 7, 1910.*

CHAPTER 200.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLACING OF STATEMENTS ON NOMINATION PAPERS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section one hundred and twenty-one of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by striking out the words "such be the fact", in the sixth line of the first paragraph, and

1907, 560,  
§ 121,  
amended.

Certain information may be given concerning candidates for elective offices.

inserting in place thereof the words: — he is at the time an incumbent of the office for which he seeks renomination for another term, but not otherwise, — so that the said paragraph will read as follows: — *Section 121.* The nomination paper for an elective office shall give the name of the candidate, the street and number, if any, of his residence, and may, in not more than eight words, state his occupation, the public offices he has held or that he is a candidate for renomination, provided that he is at the time an incumbent of the office for which he seeks renomination for another term, but not otherwise. *Approved March 11, 1910.*

#### CHAPTER 232.

#### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF NEWTON.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

School committee, city of Newton, election, terms, etc.

SECTION 1. The school committee of the city of Newton shall consist of the mayor, ex-officio, and seven members, one from each ward of the city. The terms of office of all members of the school committee shall expire upon the second Monday of January, nineteen hundred and eleven. At the annual city election in December, nineteen hundred and ten, there shall be elected seven members, whose term of office shall begin upon said second Monday of January, one from ward one for one year, one from ward two for two years, one from ward three for three years, one from ward four for one year, one from ward five for two years, one from ward six for three years, and one from ward seven for one year. Thereafter at each city election there shall be elected members for three years to fill the places of those whose terms of office expire upon the succeeding second Monday of January.

When to take effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the city of Newton at the next annual state election, and shall take effect if a majority of the voters voting thereon vote in the affirmative. *Approved March 18, 1910.*

CHAPTER 239.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE TERM OF OFFICE OF THE  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER SHALL BE TWO  
YEARS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section twenty-two of chapter four hundred and forty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled "An Act to revise the charter of the city of Worcester", is hereby amended by inserting after the word "elected", in the first line, the word:— biennially,— by inserting before the word "municipal", in the second and third lines, the word:— two,— and by striking out the word "year", in the third line, and inserting in place thereof the word:— years,— so as to read as follows:— *Section 22.* The mayor shall be elected biennially from the qualified voters of the city, and shall hold office for the two municipal years next succeeding his election and until his successor is elected and qualified, except that when elected to fill a vacancy he shall hold office only for the unexpired term and until his successor is elected and qualified.

1893, 444,  
§ 22,  
amended.

Mayor of city  
of Worcester,  
election,  
term, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the city of Worcester at the annual city election in the year nineteen hundred and ten; and the city clerk shall, not less than one week before said election, transmit by mail or otherwise, to every registered voter in said city a copy of the act. The vote shall be taken by ballot in answer to the following question:— Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and ten, entitled "An Act to provide that the term of office of the mayor of the city of Worcester shall be two years", and providing that the mayor shall be elected biennially and shall hold office for the two municipal years next succeeding his election, be accepted?

Question of  
acceptance  
to be sub-  
mitted to  
voters.

YES.	
NO.	

SECTION 3. So much of this act as authorizes its submission to the voters of said city shall take effect upon its passage, and it shall take full effect when accepted by the voters of the city as herein provided.

When to  
take effect.

*Approved March 18, 1910.*

## CHAPTER 246.

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF OFFICE OF SHERIFFS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Term of  
office of  
sheriffs  
extended.

SECTION 1. At the annual state election in the year nineteen hundred and ten, and in every fifth year thereafter, a sheriff shall be chosen by the voters in each county.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. Section three hundred and fifty of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 18, 1910.*

## CHAPTER 250.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WORCESTER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1894, 475,  
§ 2, etc.,  
amended.

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter four hundred and seventy-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, as amended by chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two, is hereby further amended by striking out the said section and inserting in place thereof the following:—

City council  
of the city of  
Worcester.

*Section 2.* The city council of the city of Worcester shall be composed of two branches, one of which shall be called the board of aldermen, and the other the common council.

Aldermen,  
election,  
terms, etc.

The board of aldermen shall be composed of one alderman from each of the several wards in the city and one alderman at large. The members of the said board shall be elected as follows:— At the annual city election held in the year nineteen hundred and eleven there shall be elected by and from the qualified voters of the whole city an alderman at large who shall hold office for the municipal year next succeeding his election. At the annual city election held in the year nineteen hundred and twelve, and biennially thereafter, there shall be elected by and from the qualified voters of the whole city an alderman at large who shall hold office for the two municipal years next succeeding his election. At the annual city election held in the year nineteen hundred and eleven there shall be elected by and from the

qualified voters of each of the odd-numbered wards, one alderman who shall hold office for the municipal year next succeeding his election; and from each of the even-numbered wards there shall be elected, by and from the qualified voters thereof, one alderman who shall hold office for the two municipal years next succeeding his election. Thereafter, annually, there shall be elected, for the term of two years, as many aldermen as may be necessary to fill the vacancies occurring by reason of expiration of terms of service. Members of the common council shall be elected by the qualified voters of each ward. The common council shall consist of three members from each ward, who shall be residents of the wards from which they are elected. At each election until a new division of the city into wards is made there shall be elected as many common councilmen as may be necessary to fill the vacancies caused by expiration of terms of service, who shall hold office for the two municipal years next succeeding their election. In any year when a new division of the city into wards is made the terms of all the members of the common council shall expire at the end of that municipal year. In the municipal election succeeding such new division of the city into wards there shall be elected three common councilmen from each ward, two of those so elected from the even-numbered wards to hold office for the two municipal years next succeeding their election, and one of those so elected from the even-numbered wards to hold office for one municipal year next succeeding his election; two of those so elected from each of the odd-numbered wards to hold office for the municipal year next succeeding their election, and one of those so elected from each of the odd-numbered wards to hold office for the two municipal years next succeeding his election. Thereafter, annually, there shall be elected as many common councilmen for the two municipal years next succeeding their election as may be necessary to fill the vacancies caused by expiration of terms of service.

Common  
councilmen,  
election,  
terms, etc.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the city of Worcester at the annual city election in the year nineteen hundred and ten; and the city clerk shall, not less than one week before said election, transmit by mail or otherwise, to every registered voter in the city a copy of this act. The votes shall be taken by ballot in answer to the following question: — Shall an act passed by

Question of  
acceptance  
to be sub-  
mitted to  
voters, etc.

the general court in the year nineteen hundred and ten, entitled "An Act relative to the city council of the city of Worcester", and providing for the election of the members of the board of aldermen for a term of two years, be accepted?

YES.	
NO.	

When to  
take effect.

SECTION 3. So much of this act as authorizes its submission to the voters of said city shall take effect upon its passage, and it shall take full effect when accepted by the voters of the city as herein provided.

*Approved March 18, 1910.*

#### CHAPTER 276.

#### AN ACT RELATIVE TO TOWN MEETINGS IN THE TOWN OF READING.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

System of  
registering  
turnstiles  
to be used at  
town meetings  
in Reading.

SECTION 1. At all town meetings held in the town of Reading the town shall use a system of registering turnstiles for determining the number of persons admitted to each meeting. The selectmen shall appoint officers to have charge of the turnstiles, and shall determine from them the number of persons admitted to each meeting, and at the adjournment thereof shall make a return to the town clerk under oath, which may be administered by him, of the number of persons who have been admitted to such meeting, as registered by the turnstiles. The town clerk shall immediately make a record of such return in the records of the meeting, which record shall have the same legal force and effect as the records of the proceedings of the meeting. All such returns shall be preserved by the town clerk until at least twenty days after the final adjournment or dissolution of the meeting to which they relate, and shall be open to public inspection.

Returns to be  
preserved, etc.

Certain votes  
may be sub-  
mitted for  
ratification  
at a subse-  
quent town  
meeting, etc.

SECTION 2. Any vote passed at an original or adjourned town meeting to which four hundred or more persons shall have been admitted shall, upon petition, be submitted to the voters at large for ratification at a subsequent town meeting, as hereinafter provided, except that votes for moderator, or for any town, county, state or national officer, or on any proposition on which by any special or general law of the commonwealth a yea or nay vote is required to be taken by ballot, shall be final. No vote subject to ratification

under the provisions of this act shall take effect until the expiration of the time herein limited for filing a petition for ratification; nor, if such petition be filed, until after such vote shall be ratified in the manner hereinafter provided.

SECTION 3. If within five days after the final adjournment or dissolution of such town meeting a petition addressed to the selectmen shall be filed with the town clerk, signed by at least fifty legal voters of the town, requesting that any vote or votes passed at such meeting, except the final votes before mentioned, be submitted to the voters of the town for ratification, then the selectmen shall, after the expiration of said five days, forthwith call a town meeting for the sole purpose of so submitting such vote or votes. In case two or more votes passed at a town meeting relate to one subject-matter, and a petition is filed as aforesaid for the ratification of one or more such votes, the selectmen may in their discretion submit, in addition to those for which petitions are filed, any or all of the votes relating to the same subject-matter; and for this purpose a vote to borrow money shall be held to relate to the same subject-matter as the vote or votes to appropriate the money to be borrowed. The polls shall be opened at two o'clock in the afternoon, and shall be closed not earlier than nine o'clock in the evening, and a vote shall be taken by ballot upon the question, "Shall the following vote (or votes) passed at the town meeting (or at the adjourned town meeting,) held on the 

YES.	
NO.	

,"

Calling of subsequent town meetings, etc.

day of , nineteen , be ratified? Vote: 

YES.	
NO.	

" Any vote or votes submitted for ratification, as aforesaid, receiving a majority of the votes cast thereon, shall be considered to be ratified, otherwise such vote or votes shall have no force or effect: *provided*, that if any vote required for its original passage more than a majority of the votes cast, then a like proportion of votes shall be required for ratification.

Vote receiving a majority of votes cast to be considered ratified, etc.  
Proviso.

SECTION 4. Every petition filed as aforesaid shall forthwith be examined by the town clerk, who shall ascertain therefrom the number of legal voters whose signatures are attached thereto, and shall make a record thereof, and such record, together with a copy of the petition, exclusive of the names affixed thereto, shall be inserted in the records of the meeting for ratification of the vote or votes named in the

Petitions to be examined by town clerk, etc.



**Petitions to be preserved, etc.** petition, which record shall have the same legal force and effect as the record of the proceedings of such meeting. All such petitions shall be preserved by the town clerk until at least twenty days after the final adjournment or dissolution of said meeting, and during that period shall be open to public inspection.

**Selectmen to prepare ballots, etc.**

SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the selectmen of the town to prepare the ballots to be used at the said town meetings, and the conduct of the meetings shall be under their charge, subject to the laws relating to elections, so far as the same may be applicable.

**Question of acceptance to be submitted to voters, etc.**

SECTION 6. A meeting shall be held for the purpose of submitting the question of the acceptance of this act to the legal voters of the town at some time within two years after the passage hereof. At such meeting the polls shall be open not less than eight hours, and the vote shall be taken by ballot, as in the case of the annual town election, in answer to the question, "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and ten, entitled 'An Act relative to town meetings in the town of Reading,' and providing for the ratification of certain votes passed at such meetings, be accepted by the town?" and the affirmative votes of a majority of the voters present and voting thereon shall be required for its acceptance. If at any meeting so held this act shall fail to be accepted, it may, at the expiration of three months after any such previous meeting, be submitted again for acceptance, but not after the period of two years from the passage of this act.

**When to take effect.**

SECTION 7. So much of this act as authorizes the submission of the question of its acceptance to the legal voters of the town shall take effect upon its passage, but it shall not take further effect unless accepted by the legal voters of the town as herein prescribed.

*Approved March 24, 1910.*

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#### CHAPTER 289.

#### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

1901, 468,  
§ 1, amended.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter four hundred and sixty-eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and one

is hereby amended by striking out the word "January", in the fourth line, and inserting in place thereof the word:—April,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 1.* The superintendent of streets of the city of Lawrence shall hereafter be elected by the voters of the city at the annual city election, and shall hold office for two years from the first Monday in April following his election. Vacancies in the office may be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen.

Superintendent of streets, city of Lawrence, election, term.

Vacancies.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 25, 1910.*

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CHAPTER 293.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LOCATION UPON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR ALDERMEN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The names of candidates for aldermen in the city of Cambridge shall be printed upon the official ballot in the order in which they may be drawn by the city clerk whose duty it shall be to make such drawing. The city clerk shall, before proceeding to draw the names as aforesaid, give notice in writing to the several candidates of the time and place of the drawing, and every such candidate may be present thereat or may be represented by one person. The said notice shall be mailed, postage prepaid, to each candidate at the residence stated on the nomination papers, at least twenty-four hours before the time fixed for the drawing; and the drawing shall be made not more than forty-eight hours after the last day for filing nominations for aldermen.

Location of names of candidates for aldermen on the official ballot in city of Cambridge.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved March 25, 1910.*

## CHAPTER 520.

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NOMINATION BY DIRECT PLURALITY VOTE OF SENATORS AND REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GENERAL COURT.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Question of the nomination of candidates for senator and representative in the general court by direct plurality vote to be submitted to voters upon petition.

SECTION 1. In every district for the election of senator or representative in the general court wherein candidates are not now nominated by direct plurality vote, the question, "Shall nominations by political parties of candidates for the office of (senator or representative) in this district be by direct plurality vote?" shall, at the state election, be placed upon the official ballots in said district upon a petition signed by the registered voters therein in number equal to ten per cent of the number of votes cast for governor in the said district at the preceding annual state election. The signers of the said petition shall add to their signatures their residences with street and number, if any. The registrars of voters shall certify to the number, and the petition shall be filed with the secretary of the commonwealth at least sixty days before the election at which the question is to be submitted.

YES.	—
NO.	—

Return and examination of votes.

SECTION 2. The vote upon the question aforesaid shall be returned and examined in the manner required by law for the return and examination of votes for state officers. If the vote is in the affirmative in any district, the nomination of candidates for senator or representative and, if in a senatorial district, the election of a member of the state committee by all political parties in said district, shall thereafter be by direct plurality vote.

Certain provisions of law to apply.

SECTION 3. All provisions of law relative to caucuses of political parties and to nominations and elections in caucuses by direct plurality vote, and to ballots, returns, and the duties of city and town clerks and registrars, so far as they are applicable and not inconsistent herewith, shall apply to caucuses and elections held in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Canvassing board, places and time of meeting, etc.

The city and town clerks in each district shall constitute a canvassing board to determine the results of the said nominations or elections, and for this purpose they shall, in representative districts, meet at the places designated by law at which meetings are held to determine the results of

election of representatives in the general court, and in senatorial districts at places within said districts designated by the secretary of the commonwealth, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of the Monday preceding the day on which certificates of nomination for senators and representatives in the general court are required by law to be filed with the secretary of the commonwealth.

The said canvassing boards shall tabulate and determine the results of returns, and shall certify to the facts required by law. They shall furnish to the members of the state committee elected in the senatorial districts certificates of their election, and shall send to the secretary of the state committee of each political party the names and residences of the members of such party so elected.

Duties of  
canvassing  
boards.

SECTION 4. At any time after one year from the date of the election at which the provisions were adopted in any district providing for nominations by direct plurality vote, the question, "Shall nominations by political parties of candidates for the office of (senator or representative) by direct plurality vote be continued?" shall be placed upon the official ballot by a petition in the same form and filed in the same manner as the petition provided for in section one of this act.

Question of  
continuing  
nominations  
by direct  
plurality  
vote to be  
submitted  
to voters  
upon petition.

YES.	
NO.	

Returns of votes and determination of results shall be made in the manner set forth in section two. If the vote in any district is in the negative, the nomination of candidates for senator and representative and the election of a member of the state committee in that district by direct plurality vote shall be discontinued.

Returns of  
votes, deter-  
mination of  
results, etc.

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